

(a) the number of reservoir schemes in various districts of Bihar, where the construction works are lying incomplete since 1975;

(b) the estimated cost, scheduled time for these projects and the reasons for delaying these for 20-25 years resulting 10-15 times cost escalation and depriving the farmers from irrigation facility;

(c) whether the Government propose to complete these projects by refixing the time schedule in public interest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed.

(c) and (d) The Central Government has allocated Rs. 20 crores to Kosi Project, Rs. 5 crores to Upper Koel Project and Rs. 2 crores to Durgawati Project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme during 1996-97. Out of the above allocation Rs. 10 crores, Rs. 2.5 crores and Rs. 1.0 crores have been released to the above Projects.

The completion of these projects will however depend upon the priority attached to them by the State Government.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Districts Benefitted	Plan of Start	Latest estimated cost (Rs. in crores)
Major Projects				
1.	Western Kosi Canal	Madhubani, Darbhanga	III	357.44
2.	Ajoy Barrage	Deoghar	V	133.11
3.	Subernrekha	Singbhum	V	1428.89
4.	Barnar	Munger	V	102.38
5.	Bateshwarnath Pump Ph. I	Bhagalpur	V	136.67
6.	Bagmati	Sitamari	V	314.67
7.	Bansagar	Bhojpur	V	140.00
		Rohtas	V	
8.	Durgawati	Rohtas	V	147.40
9.	Konar	Hazaribagh	V	225.40
10.	North Koel	Palamu	V	475.00
11.	Tilaiya	Hazaribagh, Nawada, Gaya	V	121.83
Medium Projects				
1.	Batane	Palamu	V	34.78
2.	Bateshwarnath Pump Ph. II	Bhagalpur	V	24.23
3.	Gumani	Santhal Pargana	V	58.42
4.	Jharihara	Singhbhum	V	24.50
5.	Kans	Ranchi	V	18.40
6.	Orni	Bhagalpur	V	37.86
7.	Sakrigali	Santhal Pargana	V	10.80
8.	Torai	Santhal Pargana	V	56.18

Status of Municipality to Cantonment Board, Ranikhet

1518. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether residents of Almora district in Uttar Pradesh have been demanding to accord the status of Municipality to the Cantonment Board, Ranikhet since the past many years;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the demand of the people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per provisions contained in Section 4 of the Cantonments Act, 1924, any part of Cantonment may be excluded from the Cantonment area only after consulting the concerned State Government. As such, the matter was taken up by Ministry of Defence with the Government of Uttar Pradesh in the year 1988 but views of the Government of Uttar Pradesh are still awaited. The final decision in the matter, therefore will depend on the response of the State Government.

Increase in Military Activities of Pak

1519. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :